



Rush County Health Board

Meeting

Date: November 20, 2018, 7:00 P.M

Attendees:

Tai Morrell, FNP- Chairperson

Russell Daugherty, Interim MD-Health Officer

Geoff Wesling- Attorney

Julia Apple- Office Manager/Environmentalist

Carol Yager – MT

Kendra Steible

Dixie Meyer, RN

Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Guests

Desmond Stevens- refused to sign in
Kevin and Carol Geise

Jerry Stevens- refused to sign in
Casey Owens- Installer

Called meeting to order at 7:05 P. M.

The first order of business was to elect a Vice-Chairperson. At the last meeting Greg and Carol nominated Kendra on the contingency that she accepted, since she was absent from the last meeting. Kendra accepted the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Stevens/Geise Update:

Kevin Geise and his wife Carol, introduced themselves to the board and Tai introduce the board to them. She asked Mr. Geise if there was anything he wanted to say and he said he was here to answer any questions the board had for him. She then turned to Desmond and Jerry Stevens and asked if they had anything to say. They were still wondering when the effluent was going to stop running on his property, which would require Mr. Geise to cap, pump and haul from his system until a new system can be put in. Mr. Geise told the board that he had a Soil Scientist come out and test the soils. Julia is going try and get the soil borings done tomorrow and then let Casey know the results and let him know what type of system would be required. Mr. Stevens wants him to pump and haul or vacate the property. Mr. Geise stated that there are

probably other properties in the county doing the same thing. Dr. Daugherty told him that the only way we would investigate is if there was a compliant.

Geoff stated to the Geise's that it seemed as though they weren't taking the situation very seriously. The Geise's replied that they knew it was serious and they had contacted several installers, and the installers told them that they had several people ahead of them and didn't know when they would be able to get to them. They contacted Casey Owens and he is willing to help them as soon as he finished the septic he was currently working on. The Geise's replied that they needed more time. Geoff told the board that they had four options.

1. They could be fined.
2. Extend to pump and haul
3. Go to court, order compliance, which would take time and would cost the board money.
4. We could ask for not only the pump and haul, but could ask for each home to be unfit, because they don't have the proper septic system.

Julia said she has spoken and they suggested that the board could allow the homeowner to install temporary holding tanks for each residence. They would have to get a permit from us and they would only be pumping sewage and not ground water.

Tai told the guest that they had other things to cover at the meeting, and this part would be ending. She told them that the board would discuss the situation and Julia would get with them when a decision is made. She asked if anyone had anything they quickly wanted to say. The Steven's brought a woman, who refused to state her name, and told the board that she had visited the Steven's and got ill while she was there. She went to the Dr. and he told her that it was probably from the effluent from the Steven's property. Dr. Dougherty and Tai asked her some questions concerning her illness. They said that when an illness such as this is reported it usually goes into the county's system as a recordable disease and sent to the state. Tai told them it was time to move on to the other business they had to discuss, and thanked them all for coming.

New Business:

Tai told the board that she thought Julia had transitioned into her position smoothly, and the office has adjusted also. She said she had met with the office staff and discussed their job description and if they had any questions or comments about it. They all thought that everything was fine with the job descriptions and the new Office Manager. Tai then spoke to the board about some typing errors in Julia's job description. It has that she is to report to the Nurse Supervisor concerning septic's. It should read that the Office Manager reports to Human Resources, Tai, or Dr. Daugherty, but the staff reports directly to Julia. Kendra made a motion to make the changes on Julia's job description. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Tai then talked about the contract position for The Community Outreach Coordinator (COC). They decided at this time not to renew the contract. Carol moved to not renew the COC contract. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Tai told the board that Julia is signed up to do a three day conference about septic systems. In the future she will be doing food training, and then she will train another person in the office that can help her when she is busy with septic's. Tai brought up the Carthage issue, where there were three siblings living in an unsafe house. Julia, Kelly from Centerstone and the fire Marshall went to the home and deem it unsafe. Kelly had found them a new place to live. She took them there and the fire Marshall boarded it up so no one can get in.

Financial Report:

No change in the finances

Review of Minutes & Reports:

Greg moved to accept the October minutes. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. No changes needed on the departmental reports. Greg moved to accept the departmental reports. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Greg talked about the drug take back that was taking place on Saturday October the twentieth. They are hoping they have a lot of people.

Dixie gave an update on the Hep A situation at the jail. She told the board that there was one case and they came from another county.

Marge has made arrangements with the state for them to come and give all the inmates Hep A Vaccinations.

Adjournment:

Kendra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25 P.M.

Next meeting January 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.